in April, 1984 at the trijunction of Assam, West Bengal and Bangladesh but the same had to be suspended following unprovoked firing on CPWD workers by Bangladesh Rifles personnel. Thereafter the work was resumed in 1986. Since then, the work is continuing without interruption. The progress of work upto 31-3-1988 is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Progress of work of construction of Indo-Bangladesh Border Road upto 31st March, 1988

Sl. No.	Item of work	Assam Sector		West Bengal Sector		Meghalaya Sector		Tripura Sector	
		P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F
1	Survey	158 KM	30 lakhs	393 KM	19 lakhs	83 KM	8 lakhs	75 KM	5 lakhs
2	Land Acquisition	73 KM	146 lakhs	30 KM	78 lakhs	0 KM	60 7 lakhs (deposit of 80% advance)	0 KM	60 lakhs (deposit of 80% advance)
3	Road Embankment and Culverts.	24 KM	79 lakhs	17 KM	19 lakhs		———	Nil	..

NOTE : P — Physical
F — Financial.

Incentives under small savings schemes

1572. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any fresh incentives other than the existing ones for the depositors under the various Small Savings Schemes so as to attract more savings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present for grant of any fresh incentives to the depositors under the various Small Savings Schemes.

Loan to Local Bodies/Municipalities by LIC and other Public Financial Institutions

1573. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LIC and some other public financial institutions are extending loans to the local bodies/ municipalities for water supply and such other schemes of public amenities; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of such loans given to local bodies, *i. e.* Panchayats and Municipalities in Andhra Pradesh as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF

FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) LIC gives loans to Municipalities, Zila Parishads and Water Supply & Sewerage Boards in States for water supply and sewerage schemes as per annual allocations made by the Planning Commission. It is also envisaged that LIC, GIC and UTI acting in consortium will finance water supply schemes on a continuing basis, by creating a Water Supply Fund.

(b) As on 31.3.88, LIC has given a total loan of Rs. 2795.66 lakhs to local bodies in Andhra Pradesh.

Guidelines Framed for the Nationalisation of Banks

1574. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet framed any specific guidelines for the nationalisation of banks; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The broad approach of the Government to the question of nationalisation of banks is determined by the Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution of India. Specific decisions on nationalisation of banks are taken by the Government in the context of specific needs of socio-economic situations and within the limits of operational feasibility.

Nationalisation of Scheduled Banks

1575. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of scheduled banks which have not yet been antionalised, statewise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to nationalise any of these banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that at present there are 30 Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks in the private sector in the country. The State-wise break-up of these banks is as follows:—

Name of the State	No. of Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks in the private sector
Karnataka	2
Maharashtra	4
Assam	1
West Bengal	1
Rajasthan	1
Uttar Pradesh	3
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Tamilnadu	8
Kerala	7
Union Territory of Delhi	2
TOTAL :	30

(b) No, Sir.